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CONTINUING APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL UNDER RULE 1.53(b)
IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C., 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(b) is a

Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-Part

application of prior pending Application No. 09/305,304, filed May 5, 1999,

For (Title): BRANCHING FILTER

By (Inventors): Tomokazu KOMAZAKI, Yoshiaki FUJITA and Hajime SHIMAMURA

1. A Declaration and Power of Attorney is attached. The attached Declaration and Power of Attorney is:
 - a. A copy of the Declaration and Power of Attorney from the parent application. (Used with the same or fewer inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application or (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter.)
 - b. A new Declaration and Power of Attorney. (Used with the same, fewer or additional inventors and (a) a copy of the prior application, (b) a revised, reformatted or edited version of the prior application that does not contain new matter, or (c) a new specification.)
2. The filing fee based on entry of the concurrently filed Preliminary Amendment is calculated below:

CLAIMS IN THE APPLICATION AFTER ENTRY OF
ANY PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT NOTED BELOW

FOR:	NO. FILED	NO. EXTRA
<u>BASIC FEE</u>		
<u>TOTAL CLAIMS</u>	<u>37-20</u>	<u>= 16</u>
<u>INDEP CLAIMS</u>	<u>4-3</u>	<u>= 1</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS PRESENTED		

* If the difference is less than zero, enter "0".

SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES
\$ 345	
x 9 =	\$
x 39 =	\$
+130 =	\$
TOTAL	\$

OTHER THAN A
SMALL ENTITY

RATE	FEES
\$ 710	
x 18	\$ 288
x 80	\$ 80
+270	\$
TOTAL	\$ 1,078

3. A Check in the amount of \$1,078.00 to cover the filing fee is attached. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any other fees that may be required to complete this filing, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.
4. Cancel claims 1-11 of the application before calculating the filing fee. At least one independent claim is retained for filing purposes.
5. Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:

--This is a Continuation Division Continuation-in-Part of Application No. 09/305,304 filed May 5, 1999. The entire disclosure of the prior application(s) is hereby incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.--

6. Formal drawings (Figs.1-13) are attached.

7. Priority of foreign application No. 160088/1998 filed June 9, 1998 in Japan is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119 and/or §365(b).

The certified copy was filed in prior Application No. 09/305,304 on May 5, 1999.

A certified copy of the above foreign application(s) is filed herewith.

8. Priority of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____ is claimed under 35 U.S.C. §119.

Amend the specification by inserting before the first line the sentence:
 --This nonprovisional application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application(s) No. _____ filed _____.

9. The prior application is assigned of record to Oki Electric Industry Co., Ltd. recorded at Reel 009954, Frame 0875.

10. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application (37 C.F.R §1.53(b)(1)). Delete the following inventor(s) named in the prior application:

11. A Preliminary Amendment is attached.

12. A form PTO-1449 listing all of the references of record in parent application No. 09/305,304. Copies of the listed references can be readily obtained from the file wrapper of the parent application.

13. Small entity status:

a. A small entity statement is attached.

b. A small entity statement was filed in the parent application and such status is still proper and desired.

c. Small entity status is no longer claimed.

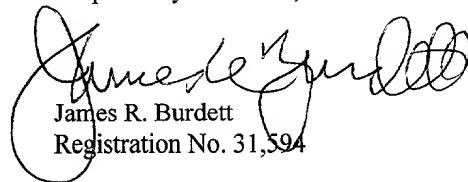
14. Other: _____

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